

Thank you,

Blake Nicholson

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To: KathleenAbernathy
Date: 1/26/03 11:10AM
Subject: I oppose media concentration!

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In promoting its supposed goals of fair competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

George DeVos

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From: lshaf@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: 1/26/03 2:28 PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative David Dreier

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Senator Charles Schumer
Representative Charles Rangel
Senator Hillary Clinton

From: Kesaya Noda
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:10 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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From: kevinpwill@juno.com
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Do not deregulate,

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From: kevinpwill@juno.com
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Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:13 AM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

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From: Lucas Larson
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 7:55 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Lucas Larson

From: Mary Boening
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Mary E. Boening

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From: Megan Meter
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Megan L. Van Meter
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From: Michael Bawaya
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 2:27 PM
Subject: Media Ownership

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am very concerned about the concentration of media ownership in this country. The domination of Clear Channel in the radio market is but one example. As corporations take over print and broadcast media the result has been less diversity in points of view, less competition and a cowardly media that fears offending potential and existing advertisers. In order for our democracy to flourish, we need a courageous, diverse and independent media dedicated to presenting the news, and not to making the greatest possible profit. I encourage you to do everything in your power to prevent a handful of corporations from dominating the media in the U.S.

Michael Bawaya

From: Michael Feldman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jan 26, 2003 11:33 PM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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Sincerely,

Michael Feldman
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From: MR760@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 9:23 AM
Subject: Consolidating media ownership

Sir:

A free and diverse media is America's guarantor of freedom and cultural stimulation. Your leadership is required in this direction, not in the direction of consolidating ownership in the sector to enhance corporate profits and control of news

Miriam M. Reik, PhD
New York, NY

From: Nadia Rodnova
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 6:59 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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From: Paul Davis
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jan 28, 2003 12:16 AM
Subject: Media diversity

M. I treasure the diversity currently available to me over the radio waves and other media sources, this diversity lies at the true heart of our democracy, please work to make sure this diversity is maintained. Anything that concentrates the media into the hands of the few should be fought against.

Sincerely,
Paul Davis

From: Peggie Feddesen
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:10 AM
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From: Richard Paul Baker
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2003 1:53 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Richard Paul Baker (rbaker@oznet.ksu.edu) writes:

Mr. Adelstein...

I have e-mailed the Federal Communications Commission Chairman on several occasions, but have never received a response, **so** I am at a **loss** whether or not these are even getting through. But, I am trying again. I am very concerned about the direction the FCC has been taking and is taking concerning corporate ownership. Currently, a small minority of corporations own and control the vast majority of information outlets...from newspapers to television to radio to satellites. If I understand your current proposals, that would only get worse. In solidifying the ownership, and thus the control, you are destroying the integrity of news and information operations nationwide. And in doing so you are allowing a small minority to control and **twist** news to suit their own whims, with no regard to the public interest or the public's needs. I have been in radio for 35 years, and have slowly watched this trend since deregulation began under President Ronald Reagan. Local news on radi

o is almost non-existent in many

markets. The idea of doing anything the serve the public is almost non-existent in many markets.

Anytime a single entity is allowed to own multiple news outlets in a market, there is no need for them to compete against themselves. Consequently, in a market like Topeka, Kansas, where there are something like eleven stations, there are only one...maybe two news operations. That means the public not only has to rely, but also be able to trust them to do both a good job and not color the news to suit their own purposes. A recent run in between Kansas State University, the sharetime station it used to own, KKSU and Morris communications is a good example. The particulars don't matter here, because the matter is over. What does matter is that Morris used its newspaper, The Capitol Journal, to color the story to its own ends. It never outright lied, it just made slight distortions of the truth. Consequently, the story was never told correctly in Topeka. In fact, because of!

multiple ownership, the st!

ory was never really told in Manhattan. I realize this is a specific case, but I don't think it is unusual. I started in radio under the guidance of men, who while their chaffed under the rules and regulations of the FCC at times, nevertheless, felt a need to serve the public. Unfortunately that no longer seems to be the case. Radio today is simply a money-making tool with no regard to the needs of the public...to service! I implore you to re-think your policies...to make changes and to take the control from the huge corporations and give it back to the people of the United States. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time or e-mail me at rbaker@ozne.ksu.edu. Sincerely, Richard Baker

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To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Representative Clay Shaw
Senator Bill Nelson

From: Sauvag77@aol.com
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Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 9:38 PM
Subject: Dear Mr. Powell

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our country's birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didn't find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as it's guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Sauvageau

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